

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 2, characterized in that the inhibition of the subscriber's call attempt in the second network element (AN) is cancelled if the overload situation in the signalling channel and/or first network element (LE) is cleared.

4. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 3, wherein the inhibition of the subscriber's call attempt in the second network element (AN) is cancelled even if the period of time prescribed by the first network element (LE) has not yet elapsed.

5. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 4, wherein a priority class analysis regarding the subscriber is performed in the first network element (LE); and

the subscriber's call attempts are inhibited in the second network element (AN) if the result of the priority class analysis permits it.

6. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 5, wherein in the case of a terminating call,

the inhibition of the subscriber's call attempt in the second network element (AN) is cancelled; and

the call is set up in the normal manner.

7. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 6, wherein the interface (V5) is a V5.2 interface.